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Czechoslovakia-USSR: Vasily Kuznetsov, the USSR's plenipotentiary in Prague, may be taking up leadership problems with both Dubcek and Dubcek's enemies.

During the night of 23 October, Kuznetsov met with Dubcek for an "open and comradely exchange of views on topical questions of interest to both sides," according to Prague radio. This formulation suggests there was no meeting of minds.

Yesterday, Kuznetsov talked with pro-Soviet party secretary Alois Indra and the conservative Czechoslovak party presidium member Vasil Bilak. Prague radio described these meetings as "friendly" and "sincere." Indra has recently returned from a prolonged stay in Moscow. Bilak has been out of the limelight since he was ousted as boss of the Slovak party in the wake of the invasion.

The Soviets are promoting a resurgence of discredited party conservatives, who are attempting to organize against Dubcek and the reformers in the leadership. Kuznetsov may now be discussing the question of how to bring the conservatives back to their "rightful place" in the party and government and what roles they might play.

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